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GENEVA FOR MEPC DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, XF

SUBJ: MY CALL ON KORNIYENKO: MIDDLE EAST

REF: STATE 19613

1. DURING MY CALL ON KORNIYENKO THIS MORNING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, I GAVE HIM A COPY OF THE U.S. STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST AND PRESENTED ORALLY THE POINTS IN REFTEL. I STRESSED THAT FOLLOWING THE UNSC DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST, WE WERE PREPARED TO LOOK TO THE GENEVA MEPC AS THE FORUM FOR CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD RESOLVING THE ISSUE. I SAID THAT
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WE WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO

A SETTLEMENT AND THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE U.S. AND THE USSR CONCLT CLOSELY ON PRACTICAL MEANS TO BRING ABOUT FURTHER PROGRESS.

2. KORNIYENKO INTERJECTED THAT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION WAS CENTRAL AND THAT "WE CANNOT DECIDE THEIR FATE WITHOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION." I RESPONDED THAT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION WAS INDEED CENTRAL AND FOR THAT REASON IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT THE U.S. AND THE USSR AGREE ON HOW TO APPROACH IT. KORNIYENKO THEN SAID THAT THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE MIDDLE EAST WAS WELL-KOWN AND HAD BEEN RESTATED BY FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TO SECRETARY KISSINGER LAST WEEK, SO THERE WAS NO NEED TO GO INTO PARTICULARS. IT WAS, OF COURSE, IMPORTANT FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER AND TO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, HE CONCLUDED.
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